GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rs.55 crore flood funds lying idle with centre" appearing in , 'Assam Tribune' dated June 8, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking timely flood control measures whereas the funds remained unutilized; and

(c) the details of works undertaken with these funds so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Flood Control Schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak Basin" with an estimated cost of Rs.55.56 crore with the funding pattern 90% Central share: 10% State share during 9th Plan period. The scheme envisages implementation of flood management schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak basin in the North-Eastern States including West Bengal(North-Bengal). Before this scheme is implemented, the scheme needs to be approved by the full Planning Commission and Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs. Since, the scheme, as of now, is yet to be approved, there is no question of funds lying idle.